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### **LAW OF THE SEA**

Increasing competition for the use of ocean and seabed resources has stimulated the international community to attempt to devise new rules and dramatically new institutions to control use of the marine environment. An international Law of the Sea Conference will be held in the summer of 1974, and considering the importance of the issues and the strong divergent views held by the various nations, these negotiations may well go far beyond 1974. The outcome of these negotiations are recognized as having serious military, economic, and political implications for the U. S. The key intelligence questions are:

1. **Negotiations**

- Attitudes and intentions of key countries and blocs of countries on the contentious issues.

2. **Prospects for confrontation**

- Factors involved in the numerous special marine situations, such as semi-enclosed seas, offshore islands, island states, and the likelihood that any of these will lead to crisis and confrontation.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: *Bew*

Attached is the revised OBGI page  
for the DDI Personnel Directory as it  
should appear if the directory is issued  
prior to 1 January.

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